

GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS
& RESOURCE MANAGERS

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This is the tenth edition of Go Hunt Hawai'i, a quarterly newsletter to connect hunters and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). [Sign up](#) to stay up to date on announcements, changes to hunting areas, research on animal populations and more.

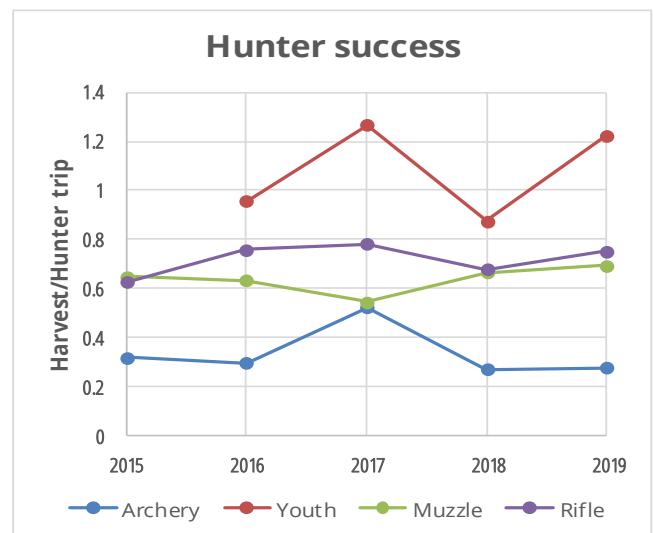
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2019 Lana'i Axis deer season

The 2019 Lana'i Axis deer season ran from Feb. 16, 2019 to May 12, 2019, and 1,965 hunters took part to harvest 1,359 total deer. These charts take a closer look hunter success during the Axis deer season. Hunter success is calculated as the number of harvested deer divided by the number of hunter trips.

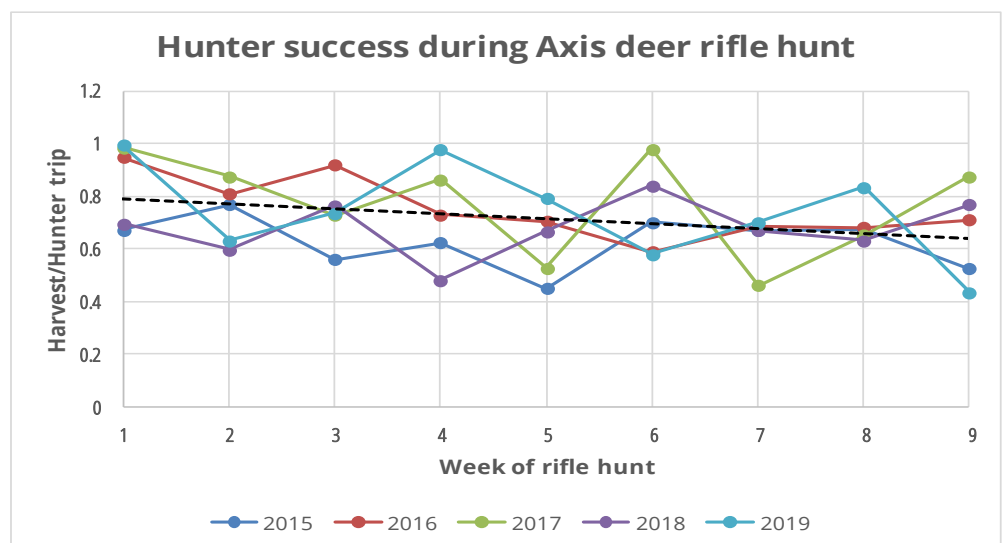
HUNTER SUCCESS

Here is a comparison of hunter success during the four hunts: archery, youth, muzzleloader, and general rifle. The archery hunt started the season, followed by the youth hunt. Youth hunters had great success as they go early in the season, and this could be a good opportunity for more youth to get involved in hunting. They have a good chance of harvesting a deer and there is plenty of room for additional youth hunters to join.



RIFLE HUNT SUCCESS

This chart shows the success of rifle hunters during the nine weekends of the general rifle hunt over the past five years. There is no statistically significant decrease in hunter success over the nine weekends, so those who take part in the Axis deer rifle hunt should have comparable success harvesting Axis deer no matter which weekend they participate.



BY THE NUMBERS

Game harvested by hunters

Axis Deer,
Lana'i



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|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2016 | 1,429 | 2,070 |
| 2017 | 1,681 | 2,260 |
| 2018 | 1,431 | 2,283 |
| 2019 | 1,359 | 1,965 |

Bearded Turkey,
Hawai'i



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| 2016 | 47 | 229 |
| 2017 | 43 | 258 |
| 2018 | 42 | 347 |
| 2019 | 35 | 438 |

Announcements

HUNTING LICENSE SALES

DLNR WILL ISSUE NEW HUNTING LICENSES AND STAMPS FOR THE NEW HUNTING SEASON

Effective June 15, 2019, the DLNR DOFAW offices have begun issuing hunting licenses and stamps for the new hunting season (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020). A valid hunting license is required for hunting on public and private lands.

Hunters may also purchase their hunting licenses and stamps by credit card via the State of Hawai'i website at <http://www.ehawaii.gov/huntinglicense/>.

KAUA'I

BLACK-TAILED DEER SEASON

Dates for the black-tailed deer hunting season on Kaua'i have been announced.

The application deadline for regular deer rifle tag season is **3:30 p.m. Friday, August 2, 2019.**

LANA'I

MOUFLON SEASON STARTS

The Mouflon Sheep season starts on the last Saturday in July with archery hunts for 8 consecutive days, followed by a youth hunt weekend.

For season length, bag limits, and other information for all hunts, please see [Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting"](#).

PU'U WA'AWA'A FOREST RESERVE

HUNTING SEASON EXTENDED

Feral goat, sheep, and pig hunt announced for the Pu'u Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve. For more information on the bag limits, dates, and rules for this hunting season, please click [here](#).

The **Makai Archery Hunt** will take place from July 20, 2019 through August 25, 2019.

The **Makai Muzzleloader Hunt** will take place from August 31, 2019 through September 29, 2019.



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